

A

REVIEW

OF THE

STATE

OF THE

BRITISH NATION.

 Saturday, May 22. 1708.

I Am shewing you with all my Skill, the mighty and prevailing Reason, why we should have a *Tory* Parliament; I know our scribbling *Whigs* will be urging you with the old Arguments of Men of Estates, Men of Honesty, and such Canting Things as these, but they do not see into the weighty Reasons I have given for it, and therefore, *pray, Gentlemen*, do not be wheedled by such Fellows against your known Interest.

I run thro' a great many Reasons in my last; in particular, I argued the Necessity of it, from the Consequence of Things now to be before them; I granted indeed, that in the two last Parliaments we had some weighty Affairs upon the Wheel, which might require a Kind of tinking, plodding,

sedate Fellows, such as the *Whigs* generally sent up to the House, but that now having nothing but the Affair of our common Peace, the detesting a few Traytors, the settling the Union yet farther, the defending us against foreign Invasion, and such Trifles as these; a *Tory* Parliament, an Assembly of your meer Volatiles, that think none, and talk all, that are Men of Precipitations and Extremes, are most proper, and therefore you could not but choose them.

I told you also at large, what great and valuable Things a *Tory* Parliament would do for us, which if duly weighed, cannot but confirm us in the Resolution of choosing them with all our Might; as first, That they will certainly make A PEACE with France for us, a Thing we all want, a Thing the Nation

Nation groans for ; make an End of this bloody, this tedious, and most chargeable War, and can any thing be more desirable ? These ill-natur'd *Whigs* will get us a Peace, *the Lord knows when*, they are so haughty with their *Hocksters* and *Ramellies*, and so puff'd up with every Advantage they get, that they will not hear of a Peace *forsooth*, without the senseless Epithets of *Durable*, *Lasting*, *Firm*, and an odd Word of a *migh-ty Sound but altogether useless Signification*, a Thing they call *HONOURABLE*. Now, as I have said already, don't tell us of your *Lastings*, and *Durables*, and *Honourables*, and such Stuff ; give us a Peace, that the War may be at End ; and we'll venture the other between Us and the *French King* ; let but our honest *Tories* vote a *Treaty*, I'll warrant, it shall have all these Qualifications in their largest Extent ; it shall be *Firm*, and *Last- ing*, and *Durable*, for it shall last till the *French* please to break it, and let me see e're a *Whig* of them all can make a Peace to last longer ; and for *Honourable*, it shall have that too, for if it be not Honourable for one side, it shall for t'other ; and will the *Whigs* pretend to make a Peace, that shall be honourable on both sides ? No, no, these Words, *Lasting* and *Honourable* are nothing but *Whigish* Snares, Words made to please and amuse the People, and draw us in, to condemn the War, and carry it on, till we shall certainly ruin either our Selves or our Neighbours.

Again, a *Tory* Parliament has Abundance of excellent Qualifications in it, which will abundantly gratifie us *Whigs*, I mean, US, whose Talent lies in exorbitant Spleen, they will nourish effectually the clamouring Spirit, and we are so used to rail at the Court, that we cannot distinguish between Good and Evil, shall have all our Clamours receive a Sanction from that great Assembly, since we are all convinc'd, that Raillog at the Mismanagements of the Court, while under a *Whig* Administration, is blasting the Party in general, as unable and unqualify'd to manage ; add by no Men so far promoted, as by those *that rail* at them, and *rejoyce* at them all in a Breath ; to whom this constant Qualification never fails to be annexed, that they first form imaginary Errors

and Mistakes in their Heads, then spread them by Way of Suggestion to clamour at them.

What tho' the *Whigs* can, without the Assistance of the Party we are speaking of, raise Noise enough, and talk idly enough of Mismanagements, confessing the Faults of their Friends before they are committed, and doubling them when they are ; yet 'tis apparent, that when they have chosen a *Tory High-Flying* Parliament, they will then have their Clamours justify'd and encouraged, nourish'd and sanctify'd by the Voice of the House, and they may have the Satisfaction of clamouring their Friends out, and bringing a true Sort of Managers in, who will give them Cause enough to rail, as a just Equivalent for their railing without Cause.

Not but that the Clamour of those, who being Maledcontent, *they hardly know why*, or at least are *ashamed to tell why*, and yet call themselves *Whiggs*, has a real tendency to the thing I am Exhorting to, and goes a great way to bring to pass a *Tory Election*, and indeed is fomented by the *Tories* in order to such a thing—Yet as these People have not all them so much Publick Good in their Eyes, and do not perhaps know, they are doing so much Service to the Publick as they are ; therefore it is necessary to unriddle this Mystery, and let them know, how useful a Thing constant Murmurs, and Exclamations at Mismanagements and Miscarriages is, and that it is not always necessary, that these Miscarriages can be prov'd ; for if there be but a Noise, *it all helps*, as he that sings the Tune in the Church raises the Sound of the Psalm, whether he sings the Words or no, and so seems to worship GOD, as much as he that carries the Sence and the Musick both together.

Clamours at Miscarriages are therefore the most useful Things in the World to carry on a *Tory Election* in Parliament, and since we are now perswading to the last, I cannot but most earnestly press the first, no matter whether there be Matter of Fact to clamour at or no ; however the Ministry will never fail to give you Occassions, for it will for ever be true, that some Men may be unemploy'd, who, *in their own Esteem at least,*

least, are as fit for Employment as those that are in, and it is the easiest Thing in the World to say, honest Men are *left out* of Employment; for if all the honest Men should be employ'd, it would be a base Satyr upon the Times.

Then for *Salaries*; it will for ever be true, that those People that have Places will have better Salaries, and get more Money than those that are out, and you can never want occasion to complain, that those that are in Places get too much Money.

There are specious Pretences, and cannot want good keen Tongues to improve them, and the Salvation of a discontented Spirit is an excellent Help in the National Frenzy we are now upon.

Again, while the Ministry are made up of Men, of like Passions with our selves, they will always be liable to act in a manner, that will not please all those that resolve never to be pleas'd, and so they cannot but administer constant Fuel for these most necessary Complaints, and we shall never be empty of Opportunity to call Names, let the Subject be right or wrong.

Lastly, while Ministers of State are Men, and not Angels, and while they are bound to employ Men and not Angels; except it be now and then some Angels of Light, *Anglicè*, DEVILS, that always get into Bunnets under the Disguise of honest Men; it will always be true, that there will be Miscarriages and Mistakes, and these by a necessary Manufacture of Scandal are easily drawn out into Reproaches at the Ministry, and what is never so much their Misfortune and their Affliction, is easily called their Faults, their Ignorance their Negligence, and the like — And therefore 'tis observ'd, that when the Malecontent Gentlemen are pleas'd to take hold of a real Mismanagement, and open loudly upon it, whenever that Mistake comes to be rectify'd, they are baulk'd and disappointed, for 'tis Occasion to rail, not Rectification of Error, that they seek.

Upon the whole, Gentlemen, in order to this noble Undertaking of a *High Flying* Election, I humbly propose, that by all means possible you would propagate and improve these most useful Things, railing at publick Management, misrepresenting publick Affairs, bemoaning publick Dis-

asters, lessening publick Advantages, running down publick Credit, and the like: These are all Steps to bring on a *Tory* Election, and nothing can contribute to it with Success, like its being done by the *Whigs*; for then they can quote our own Authors, they can buy up and disperse our own O—s, as was lately done at *Durham* to encourage their Party, and send them down with a Letter, signifying that these were useful Papers to allarm the People against the Government, and that they had at last obtained the wish'd for Time, &c. of setting the *Whigs* at work to rail at one another.

Now, Gentlemen, if you will but make these honest Sort of Folk into this Parliament, they will confirm all your melancholly Reflections, they will encourage all your Railings; and the Scheme of Mismanagements being swell'd up to a due Height, you shall soon come to the Perfection of your Endeavours; a *Tory* Parliament, a *Tory* Ministry, a *Tory* Administration, a *Tory* Peace, a *Tory* Successor, and *Hey Boys up go we*; the Revolution, the Succession, the Union, the Toleration, shall all receive their due Regulations, and this Nation shall arrive to its immediate State of Bliss THE SHORTEST WAY.

These are some of the admirable Effects of a *Tory* Parliament. Shall I exhort you to the Choice upon the Promise of a manifold Increase of these Advantages, and indeed it would take up a great Deal of Time to tell you, how effectually you will be at once deliver'd from the Eternal Bondage of the Law, and how nicely you may all come into the easie Golden Age of Sovereign Power, when all these troublesome Things, which now embarrass us, shall be left entirely to absolute Will and Pleasure, and you will have no more Complaints of Ministry and Persons employ'd, since you shall have Kings to act without the Ministration of Councils, or the Formalities of Courts of Justice or Parliaments, and so you may all live as easie and as free as your Neighbours do in *France*, *Muscovy*, *Prussia*, or any of the greatest Monarchies of Europe — Let any Man then judge, if choosing a *Tory* Parliament be not the only Way to our immediate Deliverance.

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ALL those, who have Debts due from King William, King James, and King Charles; since the Restauration, for which no Provision hath been hitherto made by the Government, are desir'd to meet at the Star Coffee-house in Downing Street near Whitehall, any Tuesday or Friday in the Afternoon; where Preparation is made for Proposals to the ensuing Parliament, of such Funds as will no way Clogg her Majesty's Revenues nor burthen the Subject by any Tax; but will on the Contrary be very grateful to her most Sacred Majesty; And it is hoped, that what is design'd to be offer'd will be satisfactory to the Parliament. It is therefore expedient, that the Parties concern'd do ascertain their Accounts, in the Proper Offices, that the Amountant may be abstracted, to be laid before the Parliament, who will be fully satisfied both of the Quantity and Quality, before they make any Proceedings. To the end therefor, the at all Matters may be in Readiness, this Meeting is appointed, that nothing might be transacted but with general Approbation and Consent. And whereas several of the Persons concern'd have met, they do thankfully declare their entire Satisfaction in the Care that is taken by the Government, for the Debts of King William (of Blessed Memory) and are contented, that, if they are not otherways provided for, King William's Debts may take the first place in these Funds; and the Debts all along that were last contracted may be first paid, and the first last.

But whereas some unconcern'd Persons may make Objections against us, that it is an unfit time to propose to pay old Debts in the midst of such an expensive War; it is answer'd, that this is not propos'd any other way, but without clogging her Majesty's Revenues, or taxing the Subject; and if these Debts can be thus paid, and a great many distressed People reliev'd, it will be for the Glory of her Sacred Majesty to pay the Debts of three Reigns in the midst of such a chargeable War, and it will bring Credit to the Nation, and make us formidable to our Enemies, who cannot buy Bread for their Soldiers, when we pay old Debts.

And that we may find Favour with the Parliament, we shall also provide a good Fund for the War that shall amount to twice as much as these Debts, over and above our own Funds.



BARTLETT's Inventions for the Cure of Ruptures, which have gain'd So Universal Esteem, are now, yet farther Improv'd to so great a Nicety, that one of his Steel Spring Trusses of the largest Size, seldom Exceeds 4 ounces in Weight, and one of the smallest rarely exceeds a quarter of an Ounce, and are so well adapted to the Shapes of human Bodies, that they are extraordinary easy even to Infants of a Day Old, and Intirely keep up the Ruptures of what Bigness soever. Also divers Instruments to help the Weak and Crooked. By P. Bartlett at the Golden Ball by the Ship Tavern in Prescot Street in Goodmans Fields, London.

NOTE, He forges and finishes his Trusses himself, by which means he daily Improves his Inventions.

T Thomas Pritchard, at the Saracens-Head in Little Carter Lane, near St. Paul's, London, having a Son who had a very bad Rupture, and applying to Mr. Bartlett, at the Golden Ball in Prescot-street in Goodman's-Fields, London, He perform'd the Cure in four Days to my great Surprize, and my Son has remain'd well ever since.

This is to give Notice, that I Richard Baker, of Lawrence-Polneys Lane, Cannonstreet, London, having had a Rupture for about fifty Years; at last I apply'd my self to the late Mr. Christopher Barilett, at the Golden Ball by the Tavern in Prescot-street in Goodman's-Fields; who, by his ingenious Invention of Spring-Trusses and Rupture Spirits, with the Blessing of GOD, made a perfect Cure in about eight Months, and I have been perfectly well ever since, which is about four or five Years.

NOTE, His Son P. Bartlett lives at the same Place as above-mention'd, and carries on the same Business, as his Father did; having been by him thoroughly Instructed therein.